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In Safe Hands.

During the course of a few sensational papers the war scare is quieting down. The fact is that the people have become thoroughly impressed with the unlikelihood of much of the so-called news that appears in these papers, that they now refuse to permit themselves to be excited over the sensational reports.

The dignified and deliberate attitude of the Administration, supplemented by the united action of Congress in placing the President in a position to meet any and all phases of the situation, has had a most anticipated, an admirable effect upon public sentiment. Having confidence in the recognized authorities in Washington, the people are as a rule patiently awaiting the outcome of the investigation as to the cause of the Maine disaster, fully satisfied that the national honor is in safe hands.

Natural Factors.

A Democratic contemporary that has lately been forced to admit a "genuine improvement" in the business conditions of the country, asserts that "no party did no policy can claim the credit for the brighter and brightening condition." Favorable conditions are declared to be "generated by natural factors." Certainly, it is the natural order of things for business to improve under Republican rule, just as it is for business depression to follow the enactment of Democratic policies. It has always been in the recent experience but proves to be true.

Under the last previous Republican Administration the country attained its highest stage of industrial and general business prosperity. Then followed a Democratic Administration with the inauguration of the Democratic policy and led to a period of unparalleled conditions, we had a period of unparalleled business disaster. Tired of that condition of affairs the people once more turned to the Republican party in 1896 and as a result our Democratic contemporary now notes a "genuine improvement" in business. The natural factors in the case are the Republican party and Republican principles of government.

Mr. Bryan's State.

William J. Bryan said he should take steps forthwith to abolish the Nebraska bureau of industrial statistics. For what? That it profits a calamity water to go up and down the land preaching of industrial depression if the official statistics of his own State saw broadcast the tidings of returning prosperity? According to a statement just issued by the Nebraska State bureau, covering the last six months of 1897, there were 24,500 farm mortgages filed in Nebraska, representing \$1,700,000 of indebtedness, and during the same period 8,200 farm mortgages were released, representing a total debt cancellation of \$1,557,302. There were also 2,352 city mortgages filed, representing \$1,800,000, and 2,000 city mortgages released, representing \$1,400,000.

The gold standard is still in full effect and the Nebraska farmers actually are paying their debts and getting rich on it. Something should be done about this at once.

English Hardware and Cutlery.

In a review of British trade for the month of January, 1898, Hardware News and Machinery of February in 1897.

With the United States we do very little, our total exports of hardware and cutlery for the past month to that quarter being just half the value shipped in January, 1897, and as we now have the reputation of the hardware and cutlery, tables, three-fourths of our shipments belong to the latter category, business in general hardware being quite insignificant, as is the case also with the Canadian Dominion.

The figures in detail for the month of January show that the United Kingdom sold to the United States hardware valued at \$9,000 and cutlery valued at \$12,750 for January, 1897, and \$77,270 in the same month of 1898. Here is a falling off of fully 50 per cent. in Great Britain's sale of hardware and cutlery to the United States in the past two years and a corresponding gain to the domestic manufacturers.

The United States is now a liberal exporter of hardware, and buys very little from the rest of the world. With cutlery the case is somewhat different, though in this line an important advantage is to be observed. Although the pocket and table cutlery made in this country is far superior in quality, style and finish to the best that is produced abroad, we still buy considerable quantities from Great Britain and Germany. It should be so, for the best values in all the different grades, from a 25-cent pocket knife to a \$25 carving set, are to be found in American-made goods. Under a fair degree of protection, American cutlery making has reached a high stage of development, until, by the aid of improved machinery and superior workmanship, the domestic producers are able to hold their own against European alike in quality and price. The \$28,735 said to England for cutlery in January of this year could have been spent in the United States to better advantage for its producers.

A Worthy Example.

The free trade deficit shirkers and

calamity croakers of the United States might profitably imitate the reasonable and common-sense tone of the London Standard, a leading free trade journal, in their attitude toward the present tariff law. Should they do so they would of course be deprived of the use of some of their favorite arguments, but they would gain in reputation for fairness and intelligence. The Standard of February 5 says:

It is not safe to conclude yet that the Dingley tariff is a failure, in the sense that it will not bring in revenue enough to cover the expenditure. It will be recalled that the imports into the United States immediately before the Dingley bill passed were on an enormous scale, and it was known, therefore, that for some time the tariff would fail to bring in much revenue. No doubt there ought to be a recovery, and as a matter of fact, there is a recovery for the month of January. Moreover, as we have pointed out, in our review of the wool market, American purchases of wool have again become active, and it is possible that the American imports of all kinds may largely increase.



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THE CITY OF BREWER.

Funeral of Charlie Thomas—New City Committee—Personal and Local.
Mr. Leon F. Higgins has gone to Portland on business.
Mr. Andrew Loughton, of Presque Isle was in this city Tuesday on business.
Mr. Fred Wyman, of this city, has gone to Boston for a short business trip.
Mr. Frank Carey and son, of this city, have gone to New York for a short visit.
Miss Lizzie Means, of Skowhegan, who has been visiting friends in this city returned home Tuesday morning.

The funeral of the late Charlie Thomas will be held at 10 o'clock from the residence of H. G. Patterson on East Sumner street.
The members of the degree team of W. L. F. I. O. O. F. met at O. G. Hall Tuesday evening to drill preparatory to going to Portland this afternoon where they will work the three degrees on a number of candidates in that place this evening.

The new jury committee which was organized at a meeting in City Hall Monday night, is made up as follows: William N. F. Lane, chairman, and C. E. F. Lane, secretary. W. H. Gardner, from Ward One; C. J. Lane, from Ward Two; A. J. Lane, from Ward Three; A. J. Lane, from Ward Four; Frank J. Lane, from Ward Five.

Mr. J. S. McKee, of this city, who was visiting here, while on a tour of inspection, has been brought to his home here by a horse-drawn carriage. It was thought at one time that Mr. McKee would be crippled for life, but all danger is now past and he will be able to walk again.

ELLSWORTH NEWS.

The Fine Series of Spring Lectures Announced.

Will Be One of the Best Ever Given. Thoroughly Interesting. News Notes from a Fine City.

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CALAIS NEWS.

Reported Robbery of a Young Man of a Sum of Money.

Enjoyable Social Festivities—Personal and Other Notes of Interest from Down East.

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BUCKSPORT NEWS.

A Gang of "Snakes" Leave Town. Also Up, paid Bills.

A Runaway Causes Excitement—Goin' and Comin' of Interest-Seminary Notes.

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OLDTOWN NEWS.

Republican and Democratic City Committee Organized.

An Accident in a Mill—Personal and Other Notes of Interest from the Old River City.

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ATTORNEY

Penobscot River Dam and Improvement Company.

The annual meeting of the Penobscot River Dam and Improvement Company for the election of officers and the transaction of business will be held at the Penobscot Hotel, Bangor, on Wednesday, the sixteenth day of March, at 10 o'clock A. M.

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Before a Fine Oak Fire.
 When all the other people
 Just give me a visitor, brother,
 An old oak fire!

The steady rain is coming down,
 The wind is howling
 The leaves are falling
 The language of the fire

That's when the coldest winter night
 A regular picnic scene,
 The sparks fly in all right,
 An old oak fire!

That's when I'm comfortable than
 I can be in any other
 When buds are in a cone, and you know
 An old oak fire!

An old oak fire is a dream to me
 The leaves are falling
 Love takes a lot of warm things
 An old oak fire!

—P. L. Sargent in Atlantic Constitution

A Ghost Story

The New York Sun's San Francisco corre-
 spondent has settled it—or at least the
 ghost of N-H Hinton has—there will be
 no war. According to this authority,
 N-H Hinton pre-ordained the French and
 Italian and the Revolutionary war, before
 she died and since then her ghost has
 correctly forecast the war of 1812 the
 Mexican war, and the great struggle
 between the States. As she always ap-
 pears March 1st, and wasn't seen this
 year—her conclusion is easily arrived at.
 N-H Hinton, so the account explains
 was the daughter of a Cape Cod her-
 man, who removed his family to Jones-
 boro before the middle of the last cen-
 tury. She had not lived in her new
 home many months before her father, on
 his return home from a long one, even-
 ing found a Passamaquoddy brave kill-
 ing his daughter.

There was a bounty on Indians and the
 wife father promptly shot his daughter's
 admirer and made money by it, at the
 same time telling Nell if she lived the
 Indians would go and live with them.
 This statement the took him at his
 word and passed the rest of her life
 among the tribes of Maine and New
 Brunswick, acting as interpreter for the
 Passamaquoddy. Though she never
 married, she was looked upon as a queen
 of the tribe and her wishes had more
 influence with the braves than an edict
 from a council of chiefs. After the fall
 of Quebec she went to Grand Falls, on
 the upper St. John, and taught in the
 French schools until 1775, when on
 March 1 she appeared in Jonesboro
 among her old neighbors and told them
 to get ready for war.

Tradition has it that she foretold the
 fall of Montreal, and it is the whole
 story of the Revolution from the Declara-
 tion of Independence to the surrender
 of Cornwallis. Two years later, in Fe-
 bruary 1777, she was arrested and be-
 longed to St. John's Bay. Though a
 lot of Indians and several white men who
 knew her well testified to her good char-
 acter and charitable deeds, she was found
 guilty and hanged. Stanning on the
 gallows with a rope about her neck, she
 addressed the people in English, French
 and Indian, informed the spectators that
 she would come back from the dead
 whenever the country was threatened
 with war, and let the people know in
 time to arm themselves for battle.

In order that there might be no doubt
 about her identity and the effect of her
 mission, she said that whenever war was
 imminent she would appear upon the
 big rock on Hinton's Neck in the town of
 Jonesboro, at sunrise, on the first day of
 March, and wave her hands and give the
 Passamaquoddy warwhoop. Her body
 was claimed by the Passamaquoddy
 Indians, who took it to the tribal reserva-
 tion and buried it on Peter Duns-
 Point, overlooking Passamaquoddy Bay.
 After her remarkable, she has kept her
 promise.

A Bar Harbor Pioneer

Mr. Albert Higgins, who died in Bar
 Harbor Sunday at the age of 75 years,
 was one of the pioneers of Bar Harbor.
 In the early days of the town when Bar
 Harbor was a struggling resort, Mr. Hig-
 gins was one of the influential men who
 did a great deal for the welfare of the
 place and was one of the first to build a
 hotel for the accommodation of tour-
 ists.

In 1837 he built the Harbor House upon
 the lot where now stands the Grand
 Central Hotel, and for many years was
 its successful proprietor. Mr. Higgins
 from that date was a man of property and
 wealth and being a generous man did
 much for his fellow citizens, and more
 than one man here has had to thank Mr.
 Higgins for his start in life.

He was one of the most ingenious men
 of Eastern Maine, being a skillful me-
 chanic and artist and a thorough scholar.
 Years ago Mr. Higgins built the school-
 house at Gorge Cove, cutting the timber
 and himself doing, with a very little
 aid from others, every part of the work
 from keel to truck. The school was
 built in what is now the center of the town,
 and was hauled by horse and cattle to
 the shore after the sea was ready for
 the Gorge Cove is still a well doing
 service between Milbridge and Portland.

itchiness of the Skin and Eczema
 The only remedy in the world that will
 at once stop itching of the skin on any
 part of the body that is absolutely safe
 and never failing. It is Dr. J. C. White's
 Eczema Ointment. At Warren's Pharmacy,
 Bangor, Me.

Stop dragging yourself with quick
 nostrils or eyes. Get a well known
 pharmaceutical remedy that will do the
 work. Catarrh and Cold in the head will
 not suffer if Dr. J. C. White's Eczema
 Ointment is used. Druggists will supply 10c trial
 size or full size. Write to Dr. J. C. White,
 66 Warren St., Bangor, Me.

Rev. John Ford, Jr., of Great Falls,
 Mont. recommended Ely's Cream Balm to
 me. I can emphasize his statement.
 It is a positive cure for catarrh if used
 as directed.—Rev. Francis W. Foster,
 Pastor Central Pres. Church, Helena,
 Mont.

CASTORIA
 Castoria is a family medicine
 for children and the young
 for colic, wind, and
 for all the ailments of
 the young.

THE GOLD CRAZE IS ON.

The Rush to the Klondike At-
 tains Astounding Proportions.

ALL CLASSES OATON THE FEVER

Transportation Companies Will Be Swamp-
 ed and the Days of 1849 Discom-
 West is Wild over Gold—Hobbling the
 Yanks of Their Terror.

Just 50 years ago was begun in this
 country a rush for gold which was par-
 ticipated in by hundreds of thousands
 of men. It was a movement so dramatic
 in attendant circumstances and so im-
 portant in results that we have not yet
 stopped talking about it. Today we are
 about to witness another rush of a sim-
 ilar nature, but so different in detail
 that it is just as novel and interesting



"CASH—THE KLONDIKE OF TOMORROW."
 as if we had never been through the ex-
 perience at all. Besides we forget a lot
 in half a century.

How many men are going to the Y-
 kon goldfields during the coming year?
 I don't know. Neither does any one
 else. A random guess is worth as much
 as the most careful estimate. There are
 no precedents to go by, no statistics to
 which to have calculations. You must
 as well try to figure out how many boys
 will go swimming on the last of next
 June. Could you put a finger on the
 public pulse you would notice that it is
 beating quicker than usual. That is the
 gold fever.

The street car conductor who takes
 your nickel, the bank clerk who receives
 your deposit, the grocer who measures
 out your tea and sugar, the dry goods
 clerk who is today cutting silk and cot-
 ton tomorrow may be on his way to the
 frozen north after gold, perhaps on a
 hardy and privations served
 to face death if necessary, ready to take
 his chances with a vast army of others
 and willing to stake his all on a single
 throw.

Whether this desperate army of for-
 tune hunters will number 100,000 or
 600,000 nobody knows. We do realize
 however, that the number will be a
 vast one. If you don't realize that, stop
 and think. From every large city will
 go hundreds from the smaller cities
 scores. Each town will send a handful
 of representatives, and from almost ev-
 ery hamlet will go one or two. How
 many men do you know of personally
 who have either started for Alaska or
 who are planning to go? I have not
 such an unusually wide circle of ac-
 quaintance, but I can count up with-
 out thinking very hard. Four are al-
 ready on the way. Three more are about
 to start. Possibly some of those who
 have talked the talk will be the one
 who will not go at all. That is gener-
 ally the case.

But if every locality is to be so gen-
 erally represented in the gold coun-
 try just fancy what a multitude they
 will make. Why, with only a limited
 number of delegates from each district
 it is very easy to get together a repre-
 sentative of the whole country. But
 in this case some of these limitations
 are taken off. Every man who can get
 the money and who can shake off fam-
 ily ties is free to go.

Who are the men who are ready to
 risk all on a venture? All kinds and
 kinds of men. Many of them are men
 who have failed in everything else they
 have undertaken and singularly imagine
 that the peculiar qualities of mind
 which were not of the right kind to
 help them in the speculative waters of
 everyday life will somehow bring them
 out on top in the human maelstrom.



WHAT HE EXPECTS TO DO
 which will soon be working through the
 forbidding passes of southern Alaska.
 Then, again, some are men who have
 been fairly successful in more prosaic
 lines of trade. They expect that their
 same talents will multiply their capital
 a hundredfold on the Klondike. So they
 are going to pull up stakes.

New Englanders and people in the
 middle states are somewhat conserva-
 tive and they have not caught the gold
 fever so generally as the people farther
 west. Still New York and New Eng-
 land will turn out a big crowd of gold
 seekers. But the eastern folks do not
 realize how fiercely the fever is raging
 west of the Mississippi. The numbers
 are many. All the trades and profes-
 sions are overcrowded. The profits of
 the small business man are as uncer-
 tain as the wages of the day laborer.
 Alaska offers a welcome outlet.

So doctors are leaving their patients,
 butchers their shops, reporters their
 keepers and editors their desks, clerks
 the counter, bakers their ovens and
 mechanics their benches. The heira to
 California in 1849 is to be eclipsed.
 There are already almost as many men

either in the Alaskan goldfields or well
 on the way there as poured into Cali-
 fornia during the entire duration of the
 placer mining excitement. There are
 more of us to go now for one reason,
 and it is easier to reach the goldfields
 for another.

And how are they all going to get
 there? That is a problem over which
 the highest and the lowest of the
 stambled men in the country have been
 puzzling for months, and some see his
 very clear yet. As far as the railroads
 go the transportation question is set-
 tled. The railroads can take all comers,
 and the competition among the trans-
 continental lines is already fierce and is
 getting keener every day. Three of the
 roads have Klondike cars traveling
 from place to place and fitted up with
 mining exhibits. Jars of gold dust and
 nuggets are displayed and profusely
 pinned printed matter is distributed. The
 Canadian Pacific is making an energetic
 bid for its share of the business and is
 scattering its advertisements not only
 all over the Dominion but throughout
 Europe.

As for the steamboat men, they are
 plying their both hands. The num-
 bers of lines now in existence on the
 Pacific coast realize that they are not
 equipped to meet the emergency and
 finally say so. They add, however,
 that they will do their best. San Fran-
 cisco steamer lines are to take their
 point of view and the prospectors will
 meet the first difficulties of the journey. Even
 the comparatively small number of peo-
 ple that wanted to go northward last
 year was enough to overload the ser-
 vice. Although as many vessels as
 will be available were pressed into the
 service. By the spring opens the steam
 traffic on the Pacific coast will have been
 doubled and rebled, but even that will
 not be sufficient to furnish transporta-
 tion to Juneau, Dyea and other points
 far from the coast. The prospectors will
 already skimming the docks and wharves at the
 three important ports.

Already all sorts of steam craft have
 been put into the Alaskan carrying trade.
 Anything that will float is being pre-
 pared for the coming rush to the Klon-
 dike.

Last month steamers men are not letting
 this opportunity pass without making
 an effort to have a hand in reaping the
 golden harvest. More than a dozen good
 sized steamers have been sent around
 Cape Horn and will soon be ready to
 carry the gold hunters northward. The
 latest enterprise of this kind was the
 organization only the other day of an
 Alaskan transportation company in
 Philadelphia. The backers of the project
 have plenty of capital and have pur-
 chased the good sized steamships. Their
 operations are, however, all along the
 northwest coast, and in the vicinity of
 Seattle alone contracts have been let for
 20 steamboats and 24 steam barges suit-
 able for the Yukon river trade.

But even increased steam facilities
 will not meet the path to the Klondike
 as easy one. The Yukon is not naviga-
 ble for more than four months of the
 year at best on account of ice, and when
 it is open the water is so low part of
 the time that all but steamers of the
 lightest draft are constantly in danger
 of running aground. The best the
 steamers can do is to land the great
 crowds at Juneau, Skagway or Dyea,
 from where they must take their choice
 of overland routes to the headwaters of
 the Yukon.

There are several passes which have
 been well traveled, but none that is par-
 ticularly easy. Still hundreds of men
 and women have gone over each one of
 them and the thousands on thousands
 who are to follow must take things as
 they find them. Yet before the season is
 over many of the difficulties which the
 prospectors met and conquered will have
 been smoothed over or done away with
 entirely. Over the dreaded Chilkoot
 pass an annual cable railway is being
 built and the prospectors hope to have it
 in running order early in the spring.

Most important of all are the opera-
 tions of the two railroad companies which
 propose to build lines from Pyramid
 harbor near the head of the Lynn canal,
 100 miles on Lewis river below the
 Chilkoot pass. Both companies have
 engineers and surveyors at work and it
 is said that they will soon begin a rail-
 road building race which will astonish
 the world. The length of the route is
 about 400 miles, and the projectors fig-
 ure that the cost per mile will be about
 \$20,000.

These are a few of the more promi-
 nent features of this mad rush after Yu-
 kon gold. There will be in my new de-
 velopments before the summer of 1898
 is over. What they will be I do not pre-
 tend to predict, but whatever they are
 they will be worth watching for these
 are times when children will want you
 to tell them about a quarter of a cen-
 tury hence.

REPUBLIC OF HAWAII
 PRESIDENT SANFORD B. DOLE TALKS
 OF HIS COUNTRY.

It Will Try to Remain Independent Should
 Annexation Fail—Unable to Defend It-
 self—Free School System—Products of
 the Islands No Monopoly of Land

"Hawaii will try to remain an inde-
 pendent republic should the United
 States senate refuse to adopt the annex-
 ation treaty now pending. We are, of
 course, without a navy or an army. We
 could be entirely unable to defend our-
 selves against any maritime power that
 might come against us. The people would
 be at the mercy of any grasping
 kingdom or principality, save only in
 the possibility of assistance from friend-
 ly nations with which we have treaty
 rights."

President Sanford Ballard Dole while
 at Chicago recently gave this as his
 idea of the future of the "Paradise of
 the Pacific." He also said:

"I really can't say how many Ha-
 waiians are in favor of annexation and
 how many are opposed to it. There is

no way of finding out. The royals I
 would tell you some of them, that all
 Hawaiians are opposed to it. This is
 not true. I cannot say what proportion
 of the natives are in favor of annex-
 ation. The Portuguese are generally in
 favor of it. The Portuguese consul says
 it would be a very great advantage for
 the Portuguese of the island. I think
 the Germans generally are in favor of
 it. The Americans are practically a unit
 for it. The Englishmen are divided,
 some of the strongest annexationists are
 English, many of the English oppose it.
 There is no other proposition of annex-
 ation before the Hawaiians, and if the
 senate refuses to adopt the treaty before
 it is at present.

"We are not strong enough to fight
 any of the great powers. But all of our
 constitution and our legislation for some
 time past while it has looked forward
 to annexation, yet has completely pre-
 pared the way for the republic to con-
 tinue indefinitely. We should not re-
 quire any legislation for the continu-
 ation of the republic."

"The nonsectarian free school system
 in effect in Hawaii is very much less
 sectarian than you have in the United
 States, because the constitution prevents
 the government giving any assistance
 with money to any private schools
 whatever. If there are any franchises to
 be granted out, the government does it."

"The streets of Honolulu are fine,
 they are macadamized, the telephone
 system is a private enterprise under cer-
 tain protection by the government. The
 company is permitted to use the streets.
 The streets are lighted by electricity by
 the government. A company with a
 franchise lights the houses. The water-
 works is a government enterprise."

"There is a tariff on almost every-
 thing imported by Hawaii except what
 is exempted under the treaty with the
 United States. The United States is the
 most favored nation as far as treaties
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 and is not supposed to apply to any other
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